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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION DATED AUGUST 23, 2006

Dear Sir or Madam:

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Responsive to the Office Action dated August 23, 2006, kindly amend the above-identified claims as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.